MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government consider the desirability of having on the committee a member of the 'backward communities' in places where the students from the 'backward communities' are large in number?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered. But under the present constitution as defined in the G. O., it is not possible to do that. A modification of the G. O. is necessary.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Is it impossible to modify the G. O.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No, it is quite possible. The suggestion of the Member will be considered.

Departmental Orders re Grant of Fee Concessions.

211. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Education Department has issued circular orders to the Headmasters of departmental English Schools and the Managers of recognised schools asking them not to receive fresh applications for fee concessions from students who were already in the schools in the previous year?

(*b*) If the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether it has the sanction of the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The circular was issued in anticipation of Government sanction. When the matter was reported to Government, they issued orders to the effect that applications from students who were already in the schools but who were considered ineligible for scholarship in the previous year should be entertained, provided such applications show altered conditions in the circumstances of the pupils financially.

Discontent among Employès in the Stamp Manufactory.

212. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the serious discontent that prevails among the employès of the Stamp Manufactory; and

(*b*) whether the employès in the Stamp Manufactory have put in memorials to the Government through the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory and whether these memorials have been duly forwarded to the Government?

(2) If the answer to part (1) (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken upon them? And if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the same?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

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